

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop has challenged the nation's health community to achieve a smoke-free society by the year 2000; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota Healthnet, a coalition of the three largest voluntary health agencies in the state, The American Cancer Society, South Dakota Lung Association and the American Heart Association in cooperation with several other health-related organizations, will initiate, coordinate, support and collaborate their efforts toward the goal of achieving a smoke-free South Dakota by the year 2000; and,

WHEREAS, It is known smoking causes lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema and is often the gateway to the use of other drugs. It is a conservative estimate that smoking is responsible for over 390,000 American deaths each year and is the single most preventable cause of illness and death in the state; and,

WHEREAS, Cigarette smoke can irritate the nonsmoker's eyes, nose and throat and can cause headaches, nausea and general discomfort for all age groups in our society; and,

WHEREAS, The coalition has committed itself to the promotion of a smoke-free environment in our schools as well as the workplace and will provide education and resources to students, teachers, administrators, and employers; and,

WHEREAS, The coalition, through their campaign for a smoke-free South Dakota by the year 2000, hopes to build greater public awareness of the hazards of cigarette smoking in the home and workplace and will work with the legislature and other appropriate authorities to find ways to make South Dakota a smoke-free society:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 25 through 31, 1990, as

SMOKE-FREE SOUTH DAKOTA BY THE YEAR 2000

and urge the citizens of this state to recognize, participate and bring to fruition this worthy goal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Second Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Douglas Hauke
DOUGLAS HAUKE, SECRETARY OF STATE